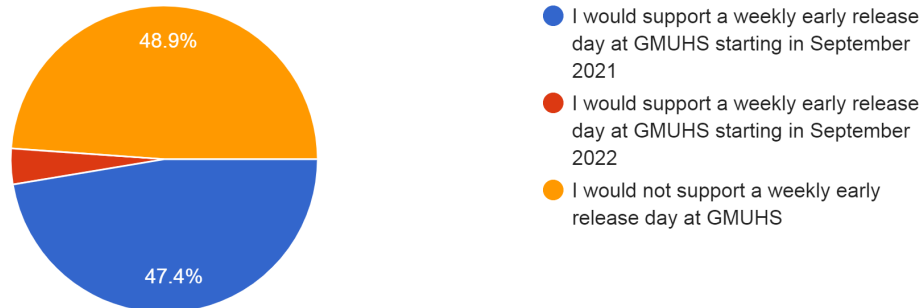


GMUHS Parents - Weekly Early Release Day Survey - June 2021

133 Responses

For many years, the schedule at Cavendish Town Elementary School has included an early release day each Tuesday. Teachers use this time for val...S or adding the early release to CAES and GMUHS.

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The reason I support / do not support the weekly early release day is

- I believe there should be more in the classroom teaching by the teachers that were hired to teach. There's always been plenty of time for teachers to collaborate and schedule things in the last several decades so if it's not broken don't try and fix
- My children benefitted greatly from the planning and PD time staff has a t CTES
- This planning time has proven to be an essential tool for the teachers who provide an exceptional level of instruction. Why would you eliminate this innovative schedule when our teachers out perform the other schools? Why not use this as a model school for raising the bar - please put the quality of education first.
- I do not support having early release at this time due to the fact that over the last year, my child has had Wednesdays off and does little to no work. The kids need all the in school teaching possible.
- No one to pick up my child- we work and there is no bus to grafton
- I feel like staff has so many professional days as it is. Let the kids get out earlier in the summer! Plus I really feel like this is hard for parents that work full time.
- Kids appreciate the downtime however, I think later in the week is better than earlier in the week. I would propose a Thursday instead of a Tuesday.
- Too much interruptions. Kids need more time to learn.

- I do not support this for the entire school year. They already miss enough school for inservice.
- with the Kids out of school for a year to year and a half they will need the class time
- I do not think this is necessary. Kids are already out of school once a month for inservice. Also this will pose a childcare issue for parking parents
- I have answered in the survey being a CTES parent. I think this is a great idea. Maybe that day could also have a program.
- They get so many unserviceable and it is difficult for parents who work.
- It's unnecessary. Keep kids in school
- It would be nice for kids to have a half day where they can catch up on proficiencies.
- I think there are way too many early release days already. It seems like there are a lot of 4 day weekends to. Seems like every month in service day on Friday of a holiday weekend. There was no such thing when I was in school. Teachers need to start being accounted for, and not having all these in service days so they can have a long weekend and helping the students. Instead of relying on videos and computer's. I am self employed and if something isn't done right it's my fault not somebody else's. Start helping the students if they need help. Like in the old days!!
- In school time and consistency in the scheduling is important to the children. While I support professional development, I don't think it should conflict with weekly classroom time. I feel strongly that we should not add another early release day at CAES or GMUHS.
- Not practical
- This does not work with my work schedule
- We have already experienced enough time in the classroom over the past year. I feel my children will benefit from more time in the classroom, not less.
- I have never supported the CTES early release. I feel it places/placed an undue hardship on student parents to find support if working. Why does CTES get the weekly in-service days but also gets all the other in-service days as well? Seems to me there should have been a trade off at the very least.
- It just makes sense for the staff
- My children are by far more productive, have greater mental and emotional well being when fully enrolled in school, in-person. Structure and consistency are best. As a working parent, I also feel it best for my kids to be in school full day vs home alone on a half day without interaction from peers and adults.
- It messes up our plans for the week.

- Having a Remote weekday has been wonderful for my child this year, she feels like she's able to catch up if she has something that she needs to work on or get a head and her stress level has gone down significantly just knowing she has that extra time to use.
- Transportation and the need for high school students to be better acclimated to full days once transitioning into working full-time.
- There are several inservice days already, it is difficult enough to supervise my children and work, I cannot take more time off to stay at home on those days on top of all the time off to support all the other school activities.
- Work
- More time outside for child
- If child care is provided by the school on these early release days then it would be fine. If not then no.
- My son needs the in-person instructional time with his teachers. The 8-10 weeks of the winter sports program will be wonderful but more than that is not acceptable. There are inservice days, planning time, etc. when teachers can collaborate. Please do not take any more time away from students' instruction. In the last two years, they have missed enough instructional time.
- Working a job and trying to find a weekly sitter for kids would be a challenge
- GNUHS is high school, not elementary school.
- Give an opportunity to for teens who work to have se free time after school or ro get up on school work
- I understand it would be to support teacher work and having virtual Wednesdays has helped me see the value of students having time away from school...to work, do school work, meet with friends. It's been good for my kids this year.
- I think it is valuable time for all involved. Teachers, kids and families.
- My daughter will be able to get herself to and from school next year. I don't know if I could support it if she couldn't. It is difficult for working parents to get kids home in the middle of a work day.
- CTES shouldn't be an exception, CTES students aren't being prepared for GMUHS
- My student has really appreciated the extra time to get assignments done on remote Wednesdays. I think this would not affect their academics one way or the other.
- It's a great time for students to reach out to anyone needed, in the school system, that wouldn't otherwise be available. Also, allows for afternoon appointments during the school/work week during early-day hours. It gives the students an extra day to devote to projects, homework, work they might be behind in and maybe some quiet time at home that they don't normally have, for any of the above reason.

- I believe that teachers have a lot on their plates. That they need the time, especially coming out of a pandemic, to be able to work collaboratively to ensure that students are progressing and that the programming being offered is the best it can be. This time would ensure that teachers would have time to plan for students who have gaps or who need more. With the amount of online learning accomplished this year, students are primed to continue projects and assignments during this time. I do support teachers being given paid time for their professional development instead of expecting them to just figure it out. Since we have already been in the mode of having a Zoom Wednesday, it seems like a natural transition for this year.
- It's ridiculous they need the in school instruction. Stop pampering these kids
- They don't need it! How are parents supposed to work, the kids don't go to school enough as it is.
- Kids need to be in school learning
- So the kids have a little extra time for homework if needed or so the school can clean a little extra if needed.
- Childcare
- Teachers should have more planning time.
- knowing in advance that every tuesday next school year was going to be early release, would make life easier. kids and parents could schedule all, dr., dentist, therapist, eye dr.s, car repairs, driving exams etc. etc.!!!!
- The kids have missed so much school over the past year and a half they need to be in school a full 5 days.
- What happens to our students on the early release afternoons? My kid would just spend them on the cell phone. I'd prefer my kid be in the company of peers and engaged in academic development.
- No reason for it
- Childcare coverage and students need full-day instruction.
- I think our kids need the time at school now more than ever.
- I think the kids have done great
- I do support early release , I feel that little break is good for them
- Teachers need time to develop meaningful, proficiency based, cross-curricular learning experiences with other teachers. Early release days would be an excellent opportunity for teachers to work together
- My child would benefit from more in person instruction, half days every week would not support this. Transportation would be an issue as well.

- I would support this if the teachers and staff at GM feel they need this. Otherwise it seems like it would be hard to coordinate class schedules on these Tuesdays
- Kids need as much time in school as they can get. This year proved to be very difficult for some due to having Wednesday's remote.
- It breaks up the week to much. Kids, parents, and teachers will use this day as a wash day which will not be beneficial for the students. Once a month would be fine but not once a week. I've seen what an impact the remote Wednesdays have had and it hasn't been good.
- I support family time and outside activities
- to give students time to catch up on proficiency work. Teacher inservice is an important piece and this gives them the chance for that while already at school.
- When my kids were younger at CTES, the half day tuesday gave me time with my kids when they weren't exhausted from school to do things - medical appointments, shopping trips, afternoon movies, trips out of town - so that the weekends weren't so hectic. I have heard from teachers how valuable it is to them, but I felt that the benefits for us as a family were just as important.
- I would support it if the staff felt it was needed and the time was well used.
- My only concern would be about kids that go to the Tech. Center and how this would impact them.
- We have worked around this important time for teachers in the past and we can do it again. I think that it is important to give teachers time to do what they need to do to learn and work together and make the school as productive as possible.
- I know many parents who feel like half days are a rat race and struggle to make them happen. Personally, my children travel to attend Green Mountain and the trip to and from for a half day is a lot.
- Too hard for working parents
- Gives the kids a chance to catch up
- I have questions..... Will the early release dates decrease the number of in service days that the teachers take and the number of days students miss throughout the year? If so I support the early release if not why bother, it just increases the amount of time the students miss during the year.
- As a single working parent, I found the CTES early release day an extreme extra stress on my family. It was disruptive to the flow of the week and my employers were less than enthusiastic about giving me a half day off from work. That being said, it also gave me an opportunity to be flexible and creative with finding ways to care for my children and gave me some additional time during the week to spend with them. My kids are now older, and now I actually don't care either way if Tuesdays are half days, since my children can be alone for a few hours while I'm at work. I checked off "would support early release" because

I support teachers and suspect it would be beneficial to them and their schedules with their families. I feel that happier teachers are better teachers.

- I always wondered why the in-service days weren't done during the summer...
- The teachers can use this prep and work time, which is an advantage to all.
- It would interrupt our daily schedule.
- The students should be in school post pandemic as much as possible.
- Teachers should have that time to prep and also for professional development.
- My husband or myself would need to leave work in order to make this possible and we can NOT afford to do so. We live in Cavendish and dealt with early release for years. Its not Convenient for families at all!! It causes stress and more childcare fees.
- My child greatly benefited from the Wed. remote day this year. The academic demands for high school subjects is very high. When a child is balancing sports, a job, and school, having a day complete the independent parts of assignments is valuable. My child also took advantage of checking in with her teachers on these days to get any individual help/direction needed or further explanation.
- If the early release day eliminates all other in service days then have it. There are plenty of schools in VT that boast high test scores and go to school a full five days. My family is no longer inconvenienced by the early release at CTES, but it is was huge inconvenience to families that work.
- It would be good if this could incorporate some of the inservice days to help shorten the year
- Difficult for working parents.
- The system has many early release days already along with in service days.
- My child will be in the high school will give her time to do her homework and have a day to enjoy.
- I work full time - in-service days are already a challenge & now you want to add to them? No
- I feel it's beneficial for staff to meet on a regular basis
- The benefits of teams having time to collaborate, team, train and develop are immeasurable. We also know having a dedicated time to allow this is best practice in educating and supporting our students and our staff
- Not easy on parents, kids miss out on learning
- I am all for giving and providing extra support for our GMUHS teachers and staff. Kids love early release days and sounds like it's time well spent.
- Great time to make drs appointments so they don't miss out on school work